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SUPERVISOR DAVID BOWEN RESOLUTION ON BADGERCARE FUNDING CONCERNS Request for the State to accept Federal Healthcare Funds

(Milwaukee) – Milwaukee County Supervisor David Bowen introduced a resolution in front of the County Board Intergovernmental Relations Committee to encourage the Wisconsin State Legislature to override Governor Scott Walker's decision not to accept federal funding under the Affordable Care Act.

"Five of seven members on the committee joined me, Citizen Action of WI, 14 other County Boards, hundreds of concerned community organizations and residents from all over the state who realize these funds should not be used as a political game of Keep Away" Bowen said.

Supervisor Bowen says more than 46,000 people in Milwaukee County would have had access to BadgerCare if the state accepted the federal money.

"But instead," Bowen said, "we've blocked them and will force 89,000 people off of the program statewide because they make just over the poverty line."

Bowen says the state's rejection of funds for BadgerCare will not only cover thousands of fewer people, but cost the State of Wisconsin \$100 million more this budget alone.

"This is not rocket science but common sense," Bowen said. "I look forward to the majority of the full board passing this resolution to remind the State of Wisconsin to make the right decision when it comes to helping those in need!"

The IGR Committee passed the resolution 5-2 and the full County Board will take up the issue at its meeting on Thursday May 24.

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